



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Serial No. 10/782,217)
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Filed: February 19, 2004) METHOD, APPARATUS AND
) SOFTWARE FOR PREVENTING
Art Unit: 2113) SWITCH FAILURES IN THE
) PRESENCE OF FAULTS
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated July 13, 2007, please enter the following amendments to the above-identified application as follows.